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1. (Internal Use Only - JFW) Talked with Judith Becker in Senator Howard W. Cannon's office who said she had discussed with the Senator procedures for forwarding certain items which will be sent to General Corbin's personal attention in Air Force L&L.

Talked with General Corbin on this and explained that it was all laid on and we will forward to him copies of correspondence from the Senator's office on the two outstanding items which require response to the Senator.

2. (Unclassified - LHM) Mr. Warner talked to Miss Emily C. Davis, in Congressman Ogden R. Reid's office, about the polygraph hearings. She said she was sure Congressman Reid would be interested in our proposed procedures and said she would check to see if he wanted to have a meeting. If we do not hear from Miss Davis by Thursday, 26 May, I will give her a call and try to meet with Congressman Reid personally.

3. (Unclassified - LHM) Mr. Warner informed me that Mr. Pitts, of Congressman Arends' office, told him that a Benjamin Periman of New York was bringing out a book called Vietnam - The Crisis, which is highly critical of the Executive in general and CIA in particular. Mr. Periman tried to get some information from Mr. Arends' office but they dismissed him. Mr. Christian has been notified and if he acquires any information on Mr. Periman Mr. Pitts should be notified.

(Unclassified - JFW) Talked with Mr. Pitts and returned to him the correspondence between Representative Arends and the Norton Company, the publishers of THE BAY OF PIGS. Mr. Arends' view was that at this stage he should not speak up again but suggested strongly that Mr. Vinson or another Democrat should speak to the BAY OF PIGS rather than himself.

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4. (Unclassified - JSW) Talked with Representative Abner W. Sibai concerning his letter to the Director of 20 May inquiring about the book THE BAY OF PIGS. I briefed him in accordance with the agreed upon unclassified memo on the book. This was left with him on the understanding that it would not be attributed to the Agency. Mr. Sibai was most appreciative and was sympathetic to the Agency's problems in general. In fact, he would very much like to learn more about the Agency generally and accepted my invitation to visit the Agency in the near future for such a briefing. He will call us to arrange the time.

6. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mrs. Judith Becker, Personal Secretary to Senator Howard Cannon, and confirmed with her that items of correspondence, such as recently have been forwarded to the Agency, will be forwarded to Brigadier General Thomas Corbin, Deputy Chief, Air Force L & L. Mrs. Becker thanked me very much for our efforts on the Senator's behalf in these matters.

7. (Confidential - JGO) I learned from Mr. Sam Archibald, Staff Director, Mass Information Subcommittee, that the chairman had meet with the subcommittee members (excepting Mr. Meader), and a letter is forthcoming which is in agreement with the Agency request for executive session with no reporters and setting the dates of June 2, 3, and 4 for meeting with the committee.

8. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Several calls were made during the day checking schedules of Congressmen for a possible replacement speaker for Wednesday morning for the Mid Career Course. One final check remains for tomorrow morning. This being Memorial Day week, however, and the heavy committee load being pushed by all chairmen during the week appears to preclude availability of a member to address the Mid Career Course this week.

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